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State Department Releases 2019 Country Reports and Annex of Statistical Information on Terrorist Events Worldwide

Bethesda, Md. – U.S. Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo and the Department of State’s Bureau of Counterterrorism have released the congressionally mandated [*Country Reports on Terrorism 2019*](#) and the accompanying [*Annex of Statistical Information*](#), with assistance for the second straight year from Development Services Group, Inc. (DSG), and its subcontractor, George Mason University’s Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TRACC). The *Country Reports* are an annual report and the *Statistical Annex* an annual report and analysis of terrorist events worldwide.

DSG and TRACC partnered in 2018 to create the Global Terrorism Trends and Analysis Center, which developed and maintains a database of global terrorism incidents, edits the State Department’s *Country Reports on Terrorism*, and prepares the *Annex of Statistical Information*.

Highlights from the *Annex*:

- In 2019, there were 8,302 terrorist incidents, resulting in 25,082 fatalities, 19,924 injuries, and 2,895 kidnappings.
- 2019 had 208 more terrorism incidents (a 3 percent increase), 7,754 fewer fatalities (a 24 percent decrease), 2,727 fewer injuries (a 12 percent decrease), and 639 fewer kidnappings (a 18 percent decrease) than 2018.
- In 2019, terrorist incidents occurred in 89 countries and territories.
- Eighty-four percent of these incidents were concentrated in three geographic regions: Western Asia, Southern Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, India, Somalia, Nigeria, Yemen, the Philippines, Colombia, and Congo (Kinshasa) experienced the greatest number of terrorist incidents in 2019. Incidents in these 10 countries accounted for 74 percent of all global terrorist incidents.

- Overall, there was an 11 percent increase in terrorism incidents in those top 10 countries in 2019, compared with the numbers in 2018. Pakistan and Cameroon fell off the top-10 list.
- In 2019 the top 10 perpetrators ranked by the number of incidents were 1) the Taliban, 2) ISIS, 3) al-Shabaab, 4) the Communist Party of India–Maoist, 5) Boko Haram, 6) the Communist Party of the Philippines/New People’s Army, 7) the National Liberation Army, 8) Hay’at Tahrir al-Sham, 9) the Kurdistan Workers Party (aka the PKK and Kongra-Gel), and 10) ISIS-West Africa. While these top 10 perpetrators accounted for 45 percent of global terrorism activity for 2019, these groups actually committed 28 percent fewer terrorism incidents than they committed in 2018. The two most notable outliers to this decrease were the National Liberation Army and ISIS–West Africa.